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SUBJ CANADA-EC GATT ARTICLE 24:6 AGREEMENT: CHEDDAR CHEESE

1. CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE ISSUED
NEWS RELEASE DATED MARCH 5 PROVIDING DETAILS OF AGREEMENTS
WITH EEC (COPIES WILL BE SUBMITTED BY AIRGRAM). INCLUDED IN
RELEASE WAS SUPPLEMENTARY BACKGROUND ON CHEDDAR CHEESE WHICH
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IS QUOTED IN FULL BELOW.

2. BEGIN QUOTE.

ARRANGEMENT APPLIES TO AGED CANADIAN CHEDDAR CHEESE WHICH MEETS CERTAIN AGREED PRICE AND QUALITY SPECIFICATIONS AS IN FORMS TRADITIONALLY EXPORTED TO BRITAIN.

FIXED LEVY WILL AMOUNT TO 15 EEC UNITS OF ACCOUNT PER 100 KGS (JUST UNDER 8 1/2 CENTS PER LB. AT PRESENT EXCHANGE RATES). THIS REPRESENTS A BIG REDUCTION FROM CURRENT BASIC EEC LEVY OF 112 UNITS OF ACCOUNT PER 100 KGS OR APPROXIMATELY 67 CENTS PER LB.

BECAUSE EEC LEVIES ARE BEING PHASED IN IN BRITAIN OVER A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, RESULT OF OUR SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WILL BE THAT NO LEVY WILL APPLY AT FIRST AND FULL LEVY OF 15 UNITS OF ACCOUNT WILL NOT COME INTO EFFECT UNTIL 1979.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ARRANGEMENT IS APRIL 1, 1975.
THE TRADE WILL SHORTLY BE PROVIDED WITH FULL DETAILS OF THE WAY IN WHICH IT WILL OPERATE.

BRITISH MARKET HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO CANADIAN CHEESE PRODUCERS. DURING PERIOD 1963 TO 1972 ANNUAL EXPORTS TO BRITAIN AMOUNTED TO SOME 28 MILLION LBS. (APPROXIMATELY \$11.2 MILLION IN VALUE TERMS). THIS REPRESENTED ABOUT 95 PERCENT OF TOTAL CANADIAN CHEDDAR EXPORTS. VIRTUALLY NO CANADIAN CHEESE HAS BEEN EXPORTED TO BRITAIN SINCE THE APPLICATION OF THE EEC VARIABLE LEVIES TWO YEARS AGO. END QUOTE.
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